EVERY MAN'S FRIEND,

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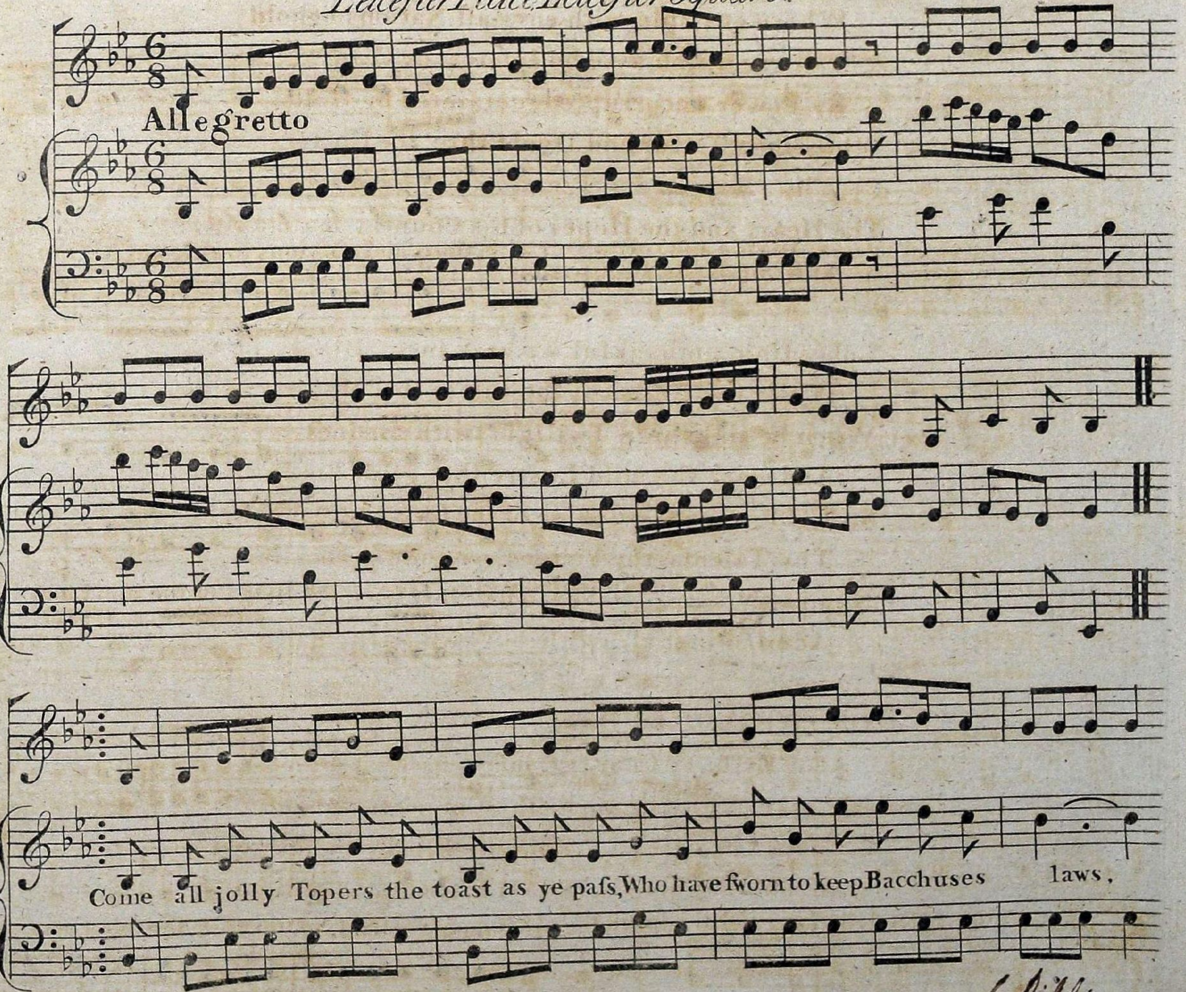

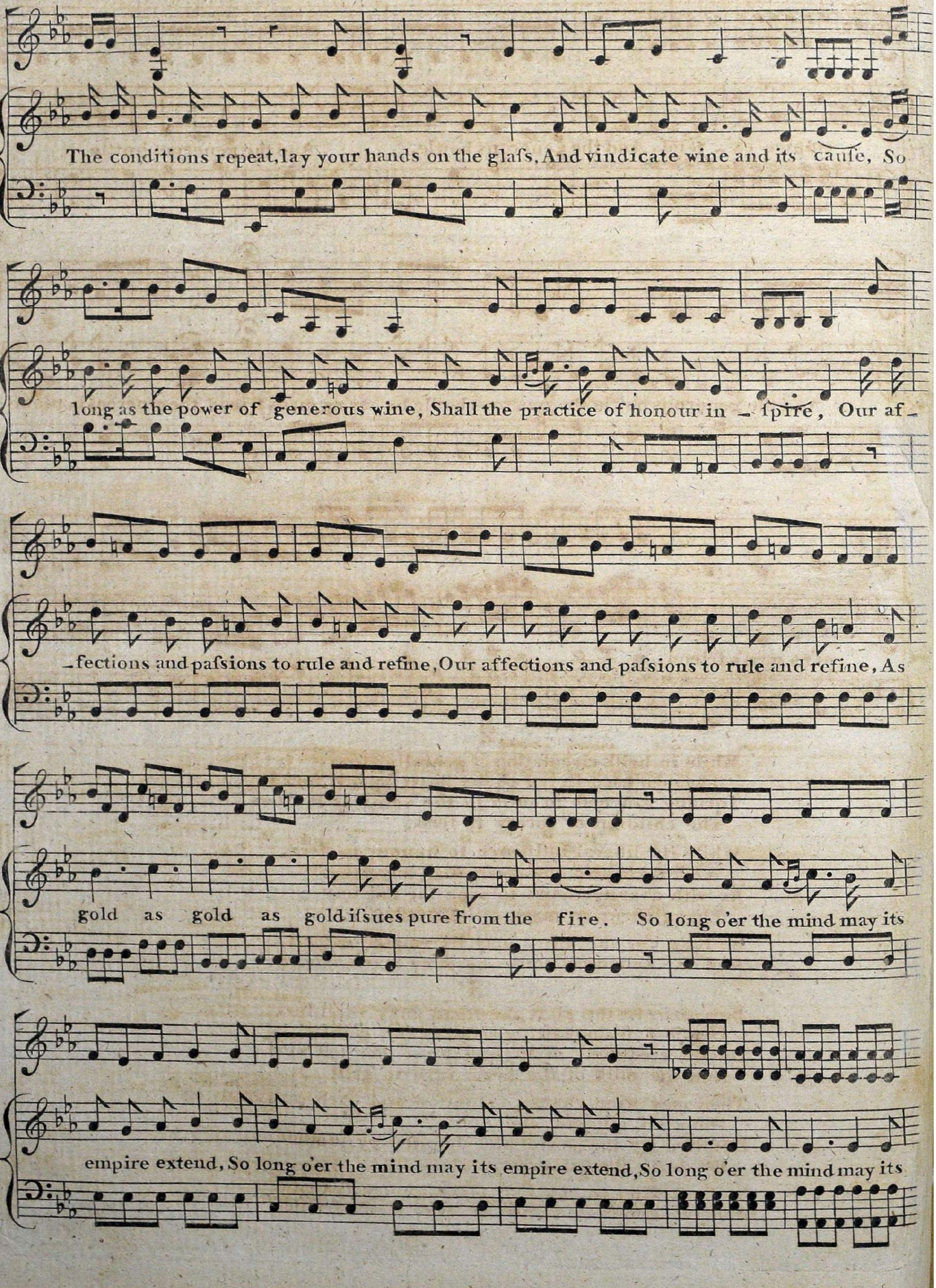
The conditions repeat, lay your hands on the glaſs, And vindicate wine and its cauſe, So
long as the power of generous wine, Shall the practice of honour in - ſpire, Our af-
-fections and paſsions to rule and refine, Our affections and paſsions to rule and refine, As
gold as gold as gold iſsues pure from the fire. So long o'er the mind may its
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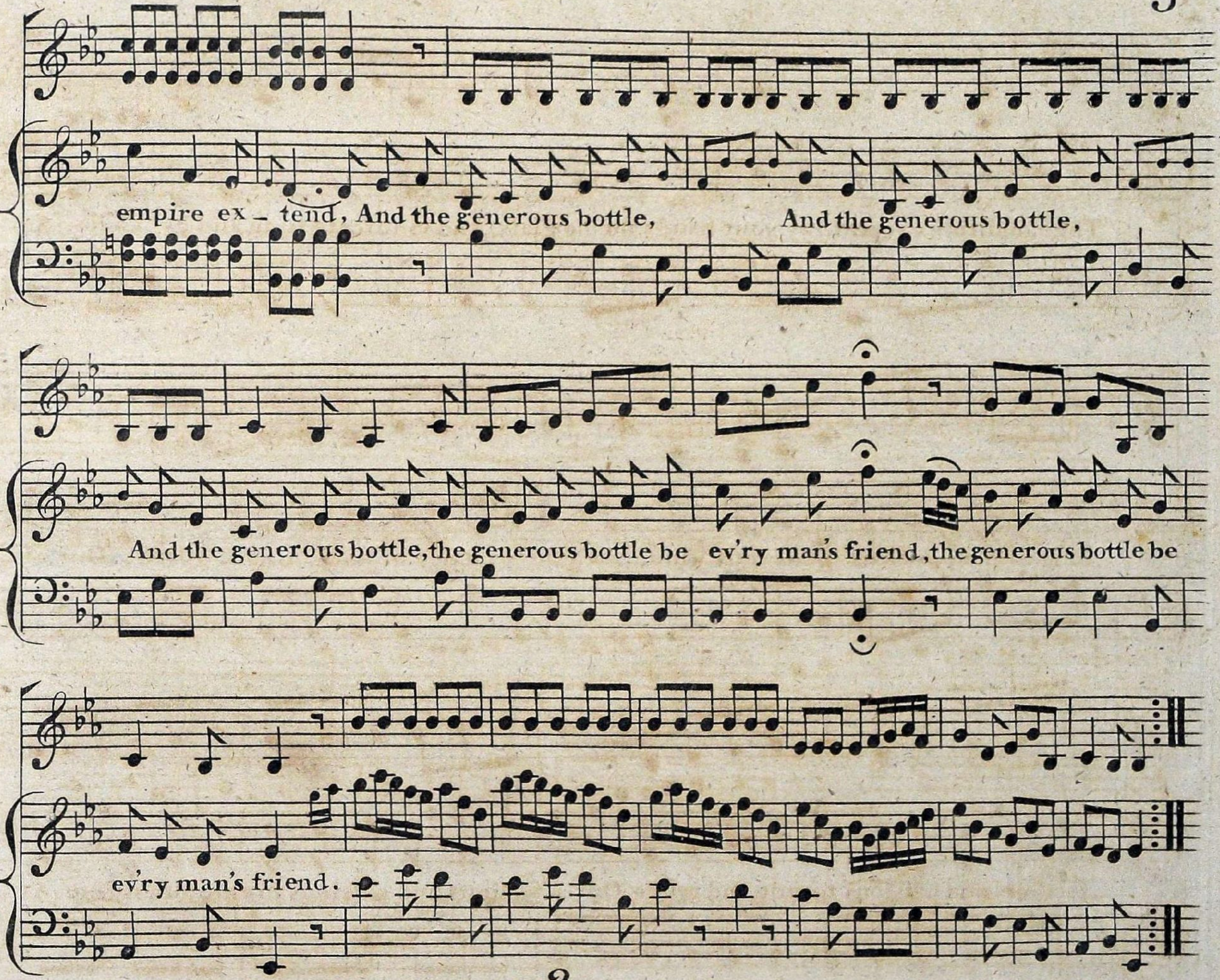

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While in brisk circulation it genially glows
Through each sluice of the heart in full speed,
Turning sourness to milk in the veins as it flows,
The children of sorrow to feed;

While its liberal influence to honour so dear,
With such pity the heart shall impress
As with charity's hand to wipe the sad tear
That glistens to mark out distress:

So long o'er the mind may its empire extend,
And the generous bottle be ev'ry man's friend.

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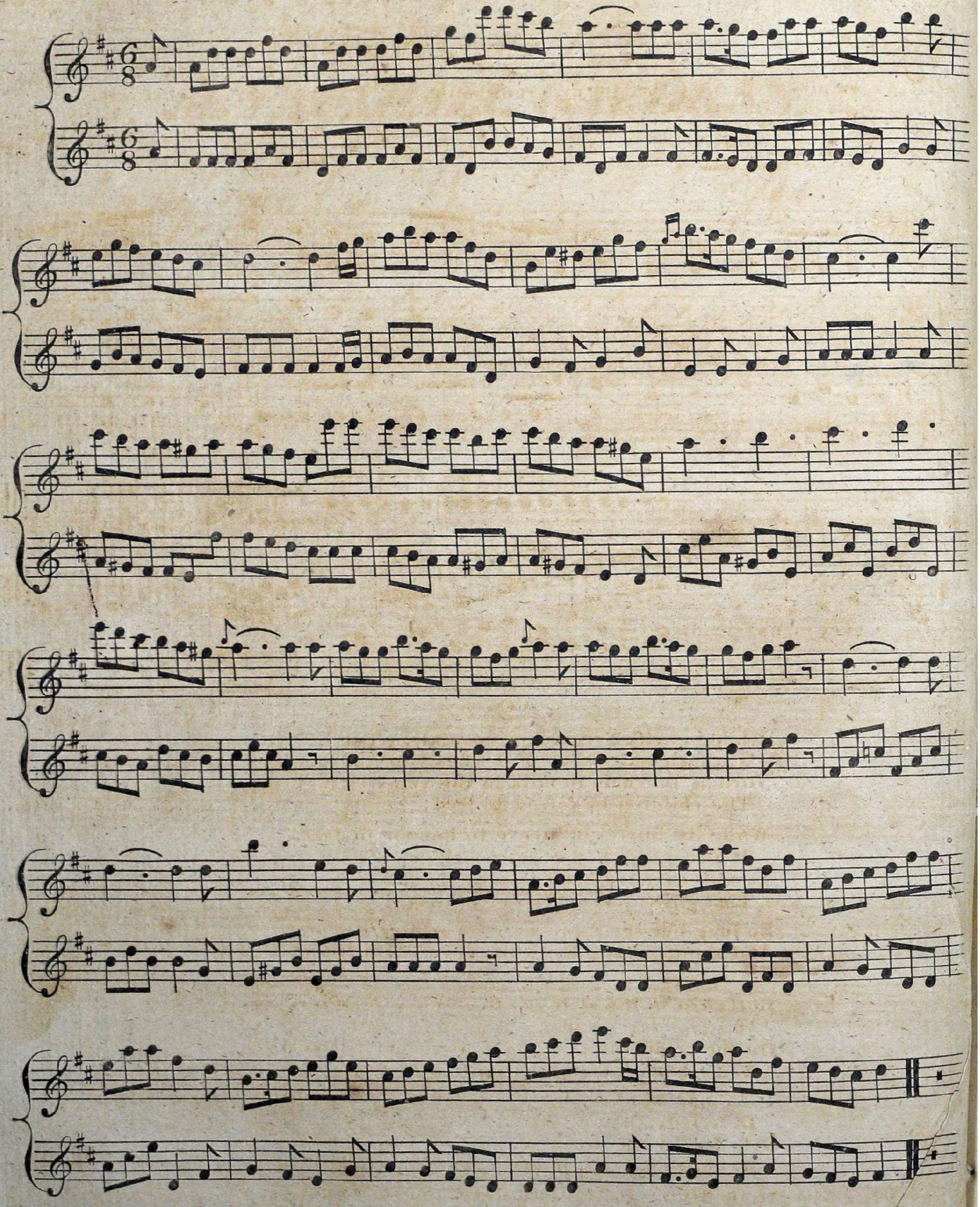
But when in the glass the fiend envy shall lurk,
Her foul train waiting near at her call,
On the credulous mind to achieve her fell work,
And the milk of the heart turn to gall;

Then may wine change to poison and each cankerous elf,
Detected, asham'd, and alone,
Despised by the world and despised by himself,
By death for his errors attone:

So shall wine to the last serve humanity's end,
And the generous bottle be ev'ry man's friend.

For two Flutes.